A2322

# Aggielife

# CAMAC acts as support for Mexican-American students

BY KATIE MISH The Battalion

rispanic culture is alive and well on the Texas A&M Campus. There are over 20 Hispanic ori-Lented groups including organizations in the engineering and journalism departments, six traditionally Latino-based sororities and fraternities, the Ballet Folklorico and a hometown club from the Rio Grande Valley

The Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture is another of these organizations, dedicated to the education and celebration of Mexi-

Angie Castro, program adviser for CAMAC, said when the organization was founded in 1974, the main focus was a support system for Mexican-American students but it has branched out since then.

"It has grown into a programming committee," Castro said, "It is responsible for traditional programs such as Diez y Seis, which is a celebration of Mexico's independence from Spain, El Dia de los Muertos, where we remember our dead, and Las Posadas, which marks Joseph and Mary's visit to various houses.

Castro said CAMAC also works toward student development and helping students find a place where

'The support network is still there," she said. "We

want to help people find their niche, either in our organization or in other Hispanic organizations on

Castro said membership has declined as the number of Hispanic groups has increased but CAMAC is working to bring more participation to the group.

She said the organization had 50 people at its first meeting, and it is hoping to retain those individuals and involve them in the various subcom-

Castro said CAMAC is also working to increase the organization's membership to include many different types of students.

"It is an open committee for anyone who is interested," she said. "We're trying to work on diversifying our membership on an active level, on a regular basis.

"We encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about the Mexican-American culture to get involved or at least come to our programs.

CAMAC also works to improve the Bryan-College Station community, with its mentoring program and by involving the community in some of their tradi-

CAMAC will have a celebration of Diez y Seis tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rudder Fountain. In the case of rain, the festival will move to rooms 212-224 in the MSC

#### HERITAGE

Continued from Page 4

"The importance of Diez y Seis for Mexicans and Mexican Americans is that it's the first time that the residents of Mexico of Spanish ancestry united with the people of indigenous ancestry against the colonial power of Spain," Huerta said.

"That really was the first example of the mestizo tradition in Mexico, the unification of the Spanish blood with the indigenous blood and that's why it's such an important event.

Besides learning about the history behind the diverse population that makes up the Hispanic Culture, there are other things people can do to observe Hispanic Heritage month

Huerta said taking time out to read the newspaper can be a way to learn about Hispanic culture.

"There are a lot of Latino issues in the news like bilingual education and different propositions (concerning the Hispanic Community) that are coming up," she said.

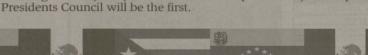
Huerta said going to festivities offering varieties of foods from dif-ferent Hispanic cultures during Hispanic Heritage Month and learning their different dances, is not always enough to truly learn about the culture.

"Just knowing how to eat Mexican food and realizing that it's good stuff is not enough," Huerta said. "It takes a little bit of work and effort." Other things one can do to observe Hispanic Heritage Month could be to read books on Hispanic culture. One interesting book is Everything You Need to Know about Latino History by Himilce Novas, which

panic community. Events held by different Hispanic groups on campus will also be held throughout the month, which will be open to anyone wanting

answers many of the commonly asked questions regarding the His-

Tonight's Unity Rally at Rudder Fountain sponsored by the Hispanic





gs that have h

years. My uni

co Debl

lay, Septe

der Audith

36 PM

ARU SOON TO

DRTSING

DN YOU

T TRUCKS

=IVER!

#### Cycles Etc.

"Your Campus Bicycle Shop"

We thank you for your support & patronage. The positive feedback from our customers has been tremendous.

Specials this week include:

Raleigh Mountain Bikes starting at \$219.99, including free adjustments.

10% off accessories and tune-ups with this ad. 30% off CyclePro Men's and Women's seats with this ad.

\*\*\*Keep bringing us your repairs!\*\*\*

Cycles, Etc., 104 College Main

the country, across from Northgate Barber Shop) call 691-BIKE

The Institute of Industrial Engineers presents

### **Andersen Consulting**

for the Fall '98 Ice Cream Social

Sept. 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the ZACH Lobby

Everyone is invited! Their drop date for resumes is Sept. 24th, so don't forget to bring yours along!

# Pre-Law Society **Informational Meeting**

Sept. 15 111 Koldus 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Karen Severn 847-8938



## HALLIBURTON COMPANY

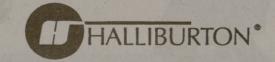
You are cordially invited to discuss career opportunities with representatives of the Halliburton Company and its' subsidiaries on September 22nd and 23rd at the Business Career Fair, and on September 28th for on-campus interviews.

> Opportunities available in Accounting, Tax and Internal Audit.

Move forward into the Twenty First Century with a winning team.



Brown & Root



Halliburton Energy Services



Graphics

#### INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN BIOSCIENCES RESEARCH?

Graduate Program In

**Biochemistry and Cell Biology** Rice University, Houston, Texas

At Rice, you can study biophysics, biotechnology, cell growth and movement developmental biology, mechanosensory response pathways, microbiology, molecular genetics, neurobiology, plant biology, RNA structure and function, signaling pathways, sterol biochemistry and structural biology.

Competitive Research Stipends & **Tuition Waivers** for Every Graduate Student

Want to know more? Call (713) 527-4015 or email the department at bioc@rice.edu or visit our web site at http://www-bioc.rice.edu/bioch/



**L** reasons YOU should take The Princeton Review now

Our students have higher average score improvements than students who took other courses.

There are few guarantees...

..in life. We are one of them. If you are not happy with your score, we will work with you again for free.





www.review.com